

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTIST

OF

ALABAMA

**MINUTES OF THE 2011 SECESSIONS
BI-ANNUAL SESSION HELD AT THE
JONES CHAPEL FWB CHURCH
FLORENCE, ALABAMA
FEBRUARY 19, 2011**

**ANNUAL SESSION HELD AT THE
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
JASPER, ALABAMA
AUGUST 20, 2011**

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**Progressive Association Bi-Annual Meeting
Jones Chapel FWB Church
Florence, Al.
February 19, 2011**

The service was open with the congregation singing "I'll Fly Away". The host pastor, Rev. Jerry Strickland, welcome the Association to the Jones Chapel Church. The Clerk, Bro. Michael Phenicie called the meeting to order then the delegates were seated. Rev. Shiloh Hackett, Moderator, appointed the Resolutions Committee, and the Appreciation Committee. Those visiting the Association were recognized: Rev. Rick Cash, Bro. Rodney Yerby, Rev. Danny Williams, Rev. Tim Campbell, Rejoice from FWBBC. They provided the special music for our meeting.

Business session open with the following reports:

Children's Home report given by Rev. Danny Williams, the home at the present has 21 children; the motorcycle benefit was a huge success with \$42000.00 raised. On April 19th, the home's 2nd Annual Home Coming will be held starting at 10:30 and then in the afternoon a benefit singing will began at 2:00 PM.

International Missions report was given by Bro. Rodney Yerby. He presented a new Missions video; last year's World Mission Offering and Walk a ton raised over one million dollars. Rev. Rick Cash gave the Trinity Camp report, Home Mission's report and the Executive office report.

The funds for Acts 1:8 received thus far are better than a year ago. The progressive gave \$57,000. A new mission work has started in Oxford, Alabama. Bro. Len Blanchard is our new missionary. Our work in Mobile is now three years old and is

is doing well. The new Executive office to be built at Eldridge will have the ground breaking ceremony and then construction will begin very soon. You may purchase a square foot for \$150.00.

The Credentials report was given by Bro. Tommy Bee. We, the Credential Committee, recommend the following:

1. The First Church of Jasper requested that Rev. Judson Phenicie's license to preach be renewed for one year.
2. We have examined all the church letters that were submitted and found them to be order and with their dues enclosed.

m/s/a

Resolutions Committee report was given by Rev. Roy Helms. Be resolved that we give the host church a rising vote of thanks and appreciation for their hospitality. Be it resolved that we pray and stand for the nation of Israel. Be it resolved that we support the Pro Life movement. Be it resolved that we pray for our nation during this economic crisis. Be it resolved that we pray for our leaders of our government. Be it resolved that we pray for Revival to come to America. Be it we resolved that we pray and support our Home and International Missionaries. Be it resolved that we join the battle against gambling, drugs and alcoholic beverages. Be it resolved that we give the offering received today to Rev. Tim Campbell.

Business session closed with prayer.

The Rejoice group from Free Will Baptist College gave two very uplifting songs before the seminar taught by Bro. Tim Campbell. His topic was entitled "Dealing with Church Conflict." He gave a printed copy to each person attending the meeting.

Registration of those attending: Ministers:

Roy Helms, Jasper; Arnold Sheets, Russellville; Shiloh Hackett, South Highland; Phillip Cooper, Florence, Jerry Strickland, Jones Chapel; Jerry R. White, Townley; Chris Compton, Florence; and Chris Pschirer.

Deacons: Tony Berryman, Rickey Borden, Phillip Jeffreys, and Lewis Anderton, Cave Springs; Bobby Sargent, Jasper; Terry Prince, Russellville, Larry G. Hall, Russellville; Tommy Bee, James A Trout, South Highland; Jim Dorroh, Florence.

Delegates: Susie Anderton, Cave Springs; Charlie Bee, Ronald Watson, Paul Files, South Highland; John Bobo, Russellville; Allecia Phenicie, Jasper.

Visitors: Ted Everett, South Highland; Robert Helms, Chandler, IN; Danny & Karen Williams, Children's Home; Rick Cash, Alabama State Office; Etta Jane White, Townley; Rodney Yerby, International Missions, Madison; Jack Allen Jones, Jones Chapel.

Progressive Association Annual Meeting

First Free Will Baptist Church

Jasper, Alabama

August 20, 2011

The host pastor, Rev. Roy Helms, welcome the Association to Jasper and invited everyone to come to the altar for prayer to start the meeting. The congregation open the service with the great hymn, " Standing on The Promises". The Clerk, Bro. Michael Phenicie called the association to order then the delegates were seated. Moderator Rev. Shiloh Hackett appointed the Resolution Committee, Bro. Buddy Trout, Chris Borden; Appreciation Committee: Etta Jane White, Sally Cash.

Recognize Visitors: Rev. Rick Cash and wife, Sally Cash; Rev. Terry Forrest.

Solo by Allecia Phenicie, "Amazing Grace with My Chains Are Going." Devotion by Rev. Judson Phenicie using Psalm 24.

Demolishing strongholds in Lives: We need to return to God, Seek his face and Praise His Name.

Children's Home Report was given by Rev. Jerry R. White. This June the home sponsored an emphasis, "A Father to the Fatherless", which was a great success receiving \$20,500. At the present time the home has 17 children on campus. The renovation and addition to the Richardson Cottage is complete which added two bedrooms and the house is handicap accessible. Several Children while at Summer Camp made spiritual decisions.

Appreciation Committee report was given by Etta Jane White. We the appreciation committee express our thanks to the Jasper Church for hosting our Annual Meeting with a warm welcome, cool comfort, beautiful facilities and an expecting a time of sweet fellowship. We are looking forward to a very delicious meal. m/s/a

Alabama State Promotion office report was given by Rev. Rick Cash. The Acts 1:8 funds that has been received through last month is \$41,000 less in budget. \$30,000.00 has been received for New mission work and \$30,000 was received for the April 27th Tornado Relief. Praise the Lord for his blessings on the mission work in Mobile. The mission work is in its 4th year with a attendance record of 121; an average of 92. The new mission work at Oxford needed \$14,000 to renovate the building and the Lord bless with \$15,000. On September 4th, they had open house. Construction on the Executive Office at Eldridge is going well and will finish when additional funds are provided. You may purchase a square foot for \$150.00. The 3rd Annual

Golf tournament is set for August 28th. If you would like to sponsor a hole, the cost is \$100.00.

Pastor Appreciation month is designated for the month of October. m/s/a

Credentials Committee report was given by Rev. Tim Braumgarten. We, the Credentials Committee have examined the Church letters and found them to be in order with the exception of no letter and no dues from Gray's Chapel. (Letter and dues received after the meeting). Upon the request of their home church, we recommend that cards of good standing be granted to all ministers and deacons. We recommend that the Bi-Annual Meeting in February be held at First FWB Church at Northport and the Annual Meeting to be held at South Highland FWB Church in August.

m/s/a

The Obituary Report was given by Bro. Mike Phenicie. Gladys Hall, Townley; Rev. Gary Miller, Cave Springs; Mrs. Billie Wall, Jasper; William McVay, South Highland. m/s/a

Clerk's report was given by Bro. Michael Phenicie. The Executive Committee meet in Haleyville on July 7th. Those attending were: Rev. Shiloh Hackett, Rev. Jerry R. White, Rev. Roy Helms, Rev. Mike Crews, Rev. Chris Compton, Bro. Buddy Trout, and Bro. Michael Phenicie.

The program for the Annual Meeting was planned: Rev. Judson Phenicie would give the devotion and Rev. Terry Forrest would bring the message.

The following were nominated for the following offices for 2012:

**Moderator.....Rev. Shiloh Hackett
Assistant.....Rev. Jerry Strickland
Clerk.....Rev. Jerry R. White
Assistant.....Rev. Chris Compton
Treasurer.....Rev. Jerry R. White
Assistant..... Sister Allecia Phenicie**

Executive Committee:

Rev. Roy Helms	2014
Bro. Michael Phenicie	2013
Rev. Mike Crews	2012

Credentials Committee:

Rev. Roy Helms	2016
Rev. Tim Braumgarten	2015
Rev. Chris Compton	2014
Bro. Tommy Bee	2013
Bro. James Dorroh	2012

Christian Education Board:

Chad Donoho	2016
Lynn Aires	2015
Chris Compton	2014
Terry Prince	2013
Anthony Mayberry	2012

Trinity Youth Camp Board

Rev. Roy Helms	2014
Rev. Jerry Strickland	2013
Bro. Tommy Bee	2012

Children's Home Advisory Board

Rev. Jerry R. White

This report was received and all the above were elected.

The balance in the Treasure at this time is \$2178.21.

m/s/a

Executive Committee is to bring recommendation concerning increase in dues since our State dues have increased from \$130.00 per church to \$185.00 per church.

Motion to adjourn business session was made, second and approved.

Worship Service:

Special Music was provided by Rev. Roy Helms singing "Going to Heaven".

Message: "Church Growth"

**Rev. Terry Forrest, FWBBC Instructor, Associate Pastor
Ashland City, TN.**

God has commanded the church to go out. In Matthew 28, Luke 16, Luke 24 that each one is reach out to the lost, the unbeliever. I. Modern Concept is to create an environment that will bring people into the church.

II. The church needs to put a face on the people you want to reach. Survey says 78% of people in the United States are not attending church.

III. Reaching The Prospects:

- 1. Advocate a Big Day**
- 2. Get people in to hear the Gospel.**
- 3. New people in the church will give you more names and faces.**

Registration:

Ministers:

Roy Helms, Chris Compton, Tim Baumgarten, Rick Cash, Shiloh Hackett, Jerry R. White, and Carlton Lambert.

Deacons:

Jim Dorroh, Bobby Sargent, Tommy Bee, Lewis Anderton, Ricky Borden, and Phillip Jeffreys.

Delegates:

Charlie Bee, Ronald Watson, Louise Haynes, Etta Jane White, M. A. Matlock, and Susie Anderton.

Visitors:

Terry Forrest, Sally Cash, June Boland, and Jerry Laws.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the Will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligation in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and to seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprise supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world.

And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly. And preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1: This association shall be known as the Progressive Association of the Free Will Baptist of Alabama and bordering states.

ARTICLE 2: This association shall be composed of ministers, deacons and delegates of different churches forming the same.

ARTICLE 3: This association shall adopt as its Articles of Faith, the Treatise of Faith and Practice of the National Association of Free Will Baptist.

ARTICLE 4: All ministers and churches wishing to become members of this body must willing submit to the Articles of Faith, Constitution, and all rules of the same.

ARTICLE 5: Each church in this association shall be entitled to three delegates for the first hundred members and one delegate for each additional fifty members or fraction thereof.

ARTICLE 6: ITEM 1: This association shall have an Executive Committee composed of a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and three (3) elected members, elected for terms of 1, 2, and 3 years each whose duties shall be to act in behalf of the Progressive Association when said Association is not in regular session. Minimum of four (4) members must be present to constitute a quorum. The Executive Committee shall be allowed to examine pastors, associates, and deacons that need to be ordained when the Association is not in session.

ITEM 2: This Association shall elect a Credentials Committee composed of five (5) members, three (3) ordained ministers, and two (2) deacons, who shall be elected to start with 1 for 5 year term, 1 for 4 year term, 1 for 3 year term, 1 for 2 year term, 1 for 1 year term. Then thereafter elected one each year. Their duty shall be to approve all church letters and applications for membership of both churches and ministers. Examining, ordaining, or approving the ordination of all ministers or deacons and make a report of the same to the body.

ITEM 3: This Association shall elect a Board of Christian Education. This board shall be composed of five (5) members to serve on a rotating basis with the term of one member to expire each year. A chairman shall be elected each year by this board shall have full responsibility for the TNT Rally. It shall arrange and conduct any other meetings which are deemed necessary to accomplish its purpose.

ITEM 4: The activities of this board shall be financed by an entrance fee or offerings as determined needed by board.

ITEM 5: No person or persons shall be allowed to participate in activities provided by this board unless or until the church they represent has paid their entry fee and must meet the dress code of the National Association CTS.

ITEM 6: This board shall report annually to the Progressive Association of Free Will Baptist.

ARTICLE 7: ITEM 1: The Officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, who shall be elected by the body.

ITEM 2: The above officers shall serve for all Progressive Association Meetings.

ITEM 3: The salary of the Clerk shall be \$100.00 per meeting. The salary of the Moderator shall be \$50.00 per meeting.

ARTICLE 8: ITEM 1: The Association's Annual Meeting will on the third Saturday of August.

ITEM 2: The Progressive Association shall meet on the third Saturday in February.

ARTICLE 9: ITEM 1: The Association shall determine at the annual association meeting where the meeting will convene for the next year. This shall be determined by a majority of the votes cast. Only those churches that request a meeting at their church will be considered.

ITEM 2: The meeting of the Association will be held as follows: one in the Northern section , and one in the Southern section.

ARTICLE 10: ITEM 1: Any changes made to the Constitution and or by laws of the Association shall be brought before the Executive Committee prior to the annual session, and the Executive Committee bring the recommendation before the body.

ITEM 2: Any changes must have a two-thirds majority vote.

ARTICLE 11: ITEM 1: That each church will send \$75.00 for Associational expenses at the annual meeting.

ITEM 2: That each church will send \$120.00 for Associational expense at the Bi-Annual meeting in February.

ITEM 3: Each Church shall send the church letter to the clerk two weeks before each meeting.

ARTICLE 12: This Association may exclude from the body any minister who teaches heresy, or any church that countenances his said teaching or that may be disloyal to the tenants of faith as held by this Association and expressed in Articles of Faith. The same discipline shall apply to any church excluded by the Ordaining Council

BY-LAWS

RULES FOR PREACHERS AND DEACONS

ITEM 1: All ministers wishing to become members of the Progressive Association must be recommended by the church of which they are members and will be called upon to present their credentials for examination and answer satisfactorily such questions as may be asked of them. This must be done by the next Association or quarterly meeting, after calling the pastor. Their church must recommend them for license or ordination where they have not received such.

ITEM 2: All preachers shall attend all business meetings unless providentially hindered.

ITEM 3: Any minister who behaves himself unbecomingly to his high and exalted calling shall be reported by the Credentials Committee to the Association, who shall deal with him.

ITEM 4: All ministers will be required to strictly adhere to the teachings of the Free Will Baptist according to the Articles of Faith.

ITEM 5: No minister shall speak slanderously or cast personal reflections upon another minister that will hurt his influence or ministerial standing.

ITEM 6: All ministers shall be required to support and stand by all boards and committees appointed by the Association and do their utmost to make them a success.

ITEM 7: An aspirant to the ministry must be recommended to the Credentials Committee by his church for license. The Credentials Committee shall examine him as to his life, doctrine, reputation, and his convictions and abilities regarding the work of the ministry. Upon the completion of such an examination, , if he is found to be worthy, he shall be recommended to be licensed for a period of one year. He must have his license renewal annually and kept in force until ordination.

ITEM 8: An applicant for ordination must have carried a license for at least one year immediately preceding his application. (Any exception for the requirement for carrying a license for one year must pass by a two-thirds majority vote of his Quarterly meeting or Association.) He must be recommended by the church of which he is a member. He must be examined by the Credentials Committee and have a call to pastor a church or be engaged in full time Christian service of such nature as to merit ordination. After examination, if he is worthy and sound in faith, he shall be recommended by the Credentials Committee for ordination.

ITEM 9: That each preacher of this Association, with recommendation from their church, be given a renewal of their card of good standing each year. This request is to be in writing on the Annual Church letter.

ITEM 10: That no man is to be licensed or ordained that uses tobacco in any form.

Item 11: We use the ordination questionnaire as passed in the Association's 1963 session.

ITEM 12: No person shall be ordained to the ministry nor shall the credentials of any minister be ratified until he is qualified to meet the conditions stated in the third chapter of I Timothy. The term, a husband of one wife: means shall not have more than one living wife (that is, he shall not be married to one wife at the present times and there be a wife still living from previous marriage.) The same shall apply to the wife, she shall have only one living husband.

ITEM 13: Concerning the ordination of deacons: (a) He must be elected by the church of which he is a member. (b) He must be approved for the work of the church by the Credentials Committee. (c) Any local Church in good standing in the Association, if so desires may ordain deacons who are approved by the Credentials Committee and Moderator of the Association. (d) Be it resolved that no church recommend men who use tobacco in any form to be ordained as deacons or ministers. (e) Each deacon of this Association, with recommendation from their church, be given a card of good standing each year. This request is to be in writing on the annual church letter. (f) That no deacon be ordained who has more than one living wife, as defined in the rules for preachers in Item 12, or whose wife has more than one living husband.

ITEM 14: Anyone desiring to be ordained (a) must send a completed questionnaire with the church letter to the clerk two weeks before the Associational meeting. (b) Anyone desiring to be licensed or ordained must meet with the Credentials Committee one hour before the opening of the session.

SUGGESTED GUIDELINES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

- 1. We agree as members of the Progressive Association of Free Will Baptist to co-operate in every move for betterment of our denomination extension of God's kingdom throughout the world.**
- 2. We agree to meet in conference quarterly or oftener if necessary to transact the business of the church.**
- 3. The Moderator shall be chosen by the suffrage of the church in the absence of the Pastor. The Moderator shall observe good order and explain all questions before the takes the voice of the church on them, and shall have the liberty of speech as any other, but not vote unless there is a tie, then he shall give the deciding vote.**
- 4. It shall be the duty of all members to fill their seats during conference and bear their part of the expenses.**
- 5. No member shall leave their seat during the conference with permission from the moderator.**
- 6. No member shall arraign another before the church for any grievance without first taking Gospel Steps. SEE Matt. 18:15-17.**
- 7. All Business brought before the church by motion and second in Gospel like order shall be attended to by the church unless withdrawn by the mover.**
- 8. Any person wishing to speak shall arise and address the Moderator and if two at the same time, the Moderator shall decide who shall speak first and no member while speaking shall cast any reflection on any other person but shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration.**
- 9. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject without permission from the church and not more than five minutes at a time.**
- 10. It shall be the duty of all church members to be present all church meetings to vote on all questions that come before the church when called on by the Moderator or any member of the church who desires to obtain the mind of the whole church.**

If any member shall remain silent during the transaction of business of the church and afterward complain of what was

- done the same shall be deemed disorderly and the member so offending shall be dealt with accordingly.
12. We agree to all business by a majority of the members present at any regular or called conference provided a quorum is present, said quorum being seven members or more.
 13. These rules shall be read if considered necessary by the moderator, at the opening of each conference, and strictly enforced by the moderator.
 14. Any member who willfully absents him or herself for a period of six months and fails to discharge their duty according to the Church Covenant shall be deemed as inactive and shall not be reinstated into full fellowship of the church until they have made restitution.
 15. Any member desiring to move his membership from one church to another in the association must have a letter. Failing to do so, he is taken under the watch care of the church until he presents the letter.
 16. That all inactive members of our churches be dropped from the roll after one year if they have been contacted and given an opportunity to prove themselves worthy to remain on the roll. If they show no interest in and have not attended or supported the church in one year we have the right to drop them from the roll according to our National Treatise.
 17. The Pastor is ex-officio member of all boards and committees.

LETTER OF DISMISSAL

This certifies that _____, is a regular member of the _____ Free Will Baptist Church in _____, is in good standing. We the _____ Free Will Baptist Church commend them to the fellowship of God's people on _____. They are dismissed from our church and is privileged to unite with any other evangelical church.

_____ Pastor

_____ Clerk

HISTORY OF PROGRESSIVE

**THE SECOND SESSION OF THE
PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL
BAPTIST WAS HELD AT UNITY GROVE
CHURCH ON SEPTEMBER 12,13, 14, 1933.**

**Opened by songs and prayers by E.W. Graves and
M. E. Hollis. Brother S. T. Shutes was in charged of
devotion and Rev. A. J. Lambert brought an
inspiring message. Ministers enrolled: Elders R.V.
Guyton, G.W. Franks, S.T. Shutes, J. B. Bloss, W.H.
Ryland and E.W. Graves. Deacons enrolled: P.A.
Crawford, J.H. Cole, M.E. Hollis, Bart Robertson, C.
L. Adair, Jessie Pike, Grady Pierce, and J.D. Carter.**

**Churches: Guin Chapel, Cordova, Sulfur Springs,
Unity Grove, Townley, Dovertown, Alabama City,
Vernon, and Union Ridge.**

**Rev. J.B. Bloss, Moderator; W. H. Ryland, Assistant
Moderator; E. W. Graves, Clerk; and E.D. Morgan,
Treasurer.**

**(The next session of this Association will convene with
Vernon Church on Tuesday, after the Second Sunday in
October, 1934.)**